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Application No. 10/052,096

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SURGICAL INSTRUMENTATION
AND METHOD FOR FORMING A
PASSAGE IN BONE HAVING AN
ENLARGED CROSS-SECTIONAL
PORTION

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION (FILING DATE GRANTED)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231
Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application", dated February 19, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the executed Declaration for the above-referenced patent application. The Applicants are also submitting herewith formal drawings to be substituted for the drawings originally filed with the above-referenced patent application. A check in the amount of \$130.00, based on a non-small entity, is enclosed to cover the surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e). A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is also enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include payment of issue fees.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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